PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

NEBRASKA,

CONVENED AT

GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA,

SEPTEMBER 24-29, 1885.

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OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

PRESIDENT—REV. C. HUBER, Yutan, Neb.
ENGLISH SECRETARY—REV. G. H. ALBRIGHT, Beatrice, Neb.
GERMAN SECRETARY—REV. WM. ROSENSTENGEL, Grand Island, Neb.
TREASURER—PROF. L. F. M. EASTERDAY, Lincoln, Neb.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

REV. J. G. GRÖNMILLER, REV. J. S. DETWEILER,
REV. WM ROSENSTENGEL, REV. PROF. F. W. EYSTER,
REV. CHR. MOESSNER, REV. J. WOLFF.

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REV. C. HUBER, REV. J. N. LENKER,
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DELEGATES TO STATE S. S. CONVENTION.

REV. M. L. WILHELM, REV. G. H. ALBRIGHT,
REV. CHR. SICK, PROF. L. F. M. EASTERDAY,
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REV. CHR. MOESSNER.

SPEAKERS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Home Missions,	REV. A. B. SCHRADER, REV. CHR. MOESSNER.
Foreign Missions,	REV. F. SPRIEGEL, REV. B. F. PUGH.
Church Extension,	REV. PROF. F. W. EYSTER, REV. CHR. SICK.
Ordination,	REV. L. L. LIPE, REV. J. G. GRÖNMILLER.
Benevolence,	REV. J. W. KIMMEL, REV. JOHN GUTLEBEN.
Communion,	REV. M. L. MELICK, REV. W. ROSENSTENGEL.
Preparatory,	REV. J. WOLFF, REV. G. H. SCHNUR.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Place—Auburn, Nebraska.
Time—Tuesday before the first full moon in September.

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The Thirteenth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska met in St. Paul's German Lutheran Church, Grand Island, Rev. Wm. Rosenstengel, pastor, at 8:00 p. m. The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. C. Huber. Text: Neh. iv. 19.

FIRST DAY—FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25, 1885.

8:30, Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. M. L. Wilhelm.

At 9:00 a. m. the first business session of Synod was formally opened by the President, using the forms given for morning service in the Book of Worship.

Roll Call.

The Roll was called by the Secretary, and Lay Delegates were requested to hand in their certificates.

The following is a list of Clerical and Lay Delegates:

Clerical.	Entered Ministry	Post Office.	Lay.
1. L. Knight	1845	Yutan, Neb.	
2. S. Aughey, LL.D.	1858	Lincoln, Neb.	
3. S. Cook	1851	Peach Grove, Neb.	
4. J. G. Grönmiller	1858	Hanover, Kan.	
5. G. H. Schnur	1860	Dana, York Co., Neb.	
6. M. J. Tjaden	1860	Lennox, Dakota.	
7. H. Seikman	1862	Hastings, Neb.	
8. J. Wolff	1863	Sterling, Neb.	
9. M. L. Wilhelm	1865	Tekamah, Neb.	
10. Wm. Thoele	1870	Ohiowa, Neb.	
11. J. Gutleben	1870	Fontanelle, Neb.	H. Niebaum.
12. I. N. Augustine	1874	Carleton, Neb.	
13. D. H. Shultz	1875	Rising City, Neb.	J. J. Stein.
14. J. W. Kimmel	1876	North Auburn, Neb.	C. J. Ringer.
15. C. Moessner	1876	Columbus, Neb.	
16. C. Huber	1877	Yutan, Neb.	J. Bender. [terday.
17. L. L. Lipe	1870	Lincoln, Neb.	Prof. L. F. M. Eas-
18. B. F. Pugh	1877	Rising City, Neb.	W. P. Miller.
19. F. W. Scheibel	1876	Amazon, Neb.	[mann.
20. Wm. Rosenstengel	1879	Grand Island, Neb.	C. H. Duenner-
21. A. C. Gearhart	1879	North Platte, Neb.	
22. A. T. Ludwig	1879	West Point, Neb.	
23. J. N. Lenker	1880	Grand Island, Neb.	P. O. Anderson.
24. M. L. Melick	1880	Waverly, Neb.	
25. F. Spriegel	1880	Nehawka, Neb.	
26. A. B. Shrader	1881	Ponca, Neb.	
27. H. W. Fricke	1881	Hooper, Neb.	J. Westfall.
28. J. H. Jorgensen	1881	Omaha, Neb.	
29. W. T. Grommisch	1882	St. Joseph, Mo.	J. Steffens.
30. F. M. Andreason	1883	Laramie City, Wyo.	
31. H. Klockenmyer		De Witte, Neb.	
32. G. W. Simpson	1864	Fort McKinney, Wyo.	
33. J. Zimmerman	1856	Dakota City, Neb.	
34. J. S. Detweiler	1873	Omaha, Neb.	P. S. Leisenring.
35. G. H. Albright	1879	Beatrice, Neb.	G. Metzger, *a.*
36. C. Baird	1861	Dakota, Neb.	
37. C. Sick	1883	Ponca, Neb.	
38. J. A. Frank	1883	Plattsmouth, Neb.	
39. C. Anderson	1864	Sidney, Neb.	
40. F. W. Eyster	1841	Crete, Neb.	
41. C. F. J. Kaiser	1883	De Witte, Neb.	
42. R. Neumaerker	1872	Barada, Neb.	M. Bahneman.
43. H. P. Hansen	1881	Denver, Col.	
44. J. N. Zimmer	1878	Elk City, Neb.	
45. C. J. Starner	1884	Central City, Neb.	
46. A. Hagenstein	1884	Washington, Kan.	
47. C. Thomsen		Home, Kan.	
48.		West Point, Neb.	L. Bruner.
49.		York Co. Charge, Neb.	G. Troutman.
50.		Nebraska City, Neb.	

Reception of Ministers.

The following names were added to our clerical list:

Rev. H. P. Hansen, from Synod of Northern Illinois.

Rev. J. N. Zimmer, from East Ohio Synod.

Rev. G. W. Spiggle, from Synod of S. W. Va.

Rev. L. L. Lipe, from Synod of Northern Illinois.

Rev. C. J. Starner, a licentiate of Nebraska Synod.

By motion G. Troutman was received as a Commissioner from York County Charge.

President's Report.

The President read his annual report, which was received and referred to a committee.

The following is the report as read:

BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Preserved by a kind providence, it is our blessed privilege again to convene in Synodical assembly. It becomes us to call upon our souls and all that is within us to bless and magnify the name of the Lord, for his mercy endureth forever. Another year is past, with its joys and sorrows, with its labors and toils, with its battles fought and victories won.

Through the mercy of God, whose we are, and whom we serve, we are assembled in this the Thirteenth Annual Convention of the Nebraska Synod. Humbly would we acknowledge the goodness and loving kindness of our Heavenly Father for the blessings bestowed upon us, both of a temporal and spiritual nature.

During the year past our ranks have not been left unbroken. In February last I was informed of the sad departure of one of our licentiates, Rev. A. Sandberg, who had taken charge of our work at Kearney. With this exception, the brethren have enjoyed a reasonable degree of health, and the work of the Lord has prospered in our hands.

Having endeavored to discharge the duties which you laid upon me to the best of my ability, and in accordance with the requirements of our constitution, I hereby submit a report of my official acts.

RESIGNATIONS.

1. December 1, 1884, Rev. M. S. Cressman resigned the Lincoln mission.
2. Rev. J. A. Frank resigned his congregation the latter part of December.
3. Rev. A. C. Gearhart resigned West Point and Oakland, which took effect March 1, 1885.
4. Rev. M. J. Tjaden resigned the mission at Lennox, Dakota, which took effect May 1, 1885.
5. Rev. F. M. Andreason resigned Kearney mission at the close of 1884.

6. Rev. C. F. Fleiner resigned his congregation at St. Joseph, Missouri, which took effect May 1, 1885.

7. Rev. W. T. Grommisch resigned his field at Barada in May, 1885.

8. Rev. C. Anderson resigned the mission at North Platte early last spring, of which I was not officially notified.

9. Rev. G. H. Schnur resigned Wayne Mission, the same to take effect November 1, 1885.

10. Rev. G. W. Spiggle resigned West Point and Oakland, the same to take effect October 1, 1885.

DISMISSED TO OTHER SYNODS.

1. Rev. M. S. Cressman, to the Susquehanna Synod, February 19, 1885.
2. Rev. C. F. Fleiner, to the Augsburg Synod, September 4, 1885.
3. Rev. G. W. Spiggle, to the Virginia Synod, September 18, 1885.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.

The brethren having presented certificates of honorable dismission from their respective Synods, are recommended for admission to this Synod.

1. Rev. J. N. Zimmer, from the East Ohio Synod, October 6, 1884.
2. Rev. H. P. Hansen, from the Synod of Northern Illinois, November 15, 1884. Bro. Hansen took charge of our work in Colorado.
3. Rev. G. W. Spiggle, from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Southwestern Virginia, March 9, 1885.
4. Rev. L. L. Lipe, from the Synod of Northern Illinois, August 27, 1885.

BY AD INTERIM LICENSE.

1. October 30, 1884, Carl Johann Starner received *ad interim* license.
2. On the same date, W. H. C. Nielsen received *ad interim* license.
3. December 29, 1884, A. Sandberg received *ad interim* license.

BRETHREN FROM GERMANY.

1. Rev. R. Neumaerker has come into our midst from the Fatherland as a regularly ordained minister. His papers are in my possession, and will be handed to the Examining Committee.
2. Rev. Chr. Thomsen, who has taken charge of a congregation at Home, Kansas, expects to present himself to Synod, and desires admission.

ORDINATION.

Your presiding officer, acting according to instructions given him by the Ministerium of this Synod, found that Rev. W. T. Grommisch was entitled to ordination. He was therefore ordained on the 30th of November, 1884, Revs. Wm. Rosentengel, Julius Wolff, C. F. Fleiner, and J. W. Kimmel performing the solemn act.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

1. Rev. F. M. Andreason accepted the appointment of the Board of Home Missions to Laramie City, Wyoming, January 1, 1885.

2. Rev. J. Frank accepted the call extended to him by a German Lutheran congregation at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and entered upon his labors in February, 1885.

3. Rev. W. T. Grommisch accepted the call extended to him by our congregation at St. Joseph, Mo., and entered upon his labor June 7th, 1885.

4. Rev. Carl Johann Starner has been serving several congregations in the neighborhood of Central City.

5. Rev. W. H. C. Nielsen has been serving our mission at Kearney, in connection with some other points.

6. Rev. R. Neumaerker was called to Barada, and entered upon his labor in June, 1885.

7. Rev. Chr. Thomsen has been serving a congregation at Home, Marshall Co., Kan.

8. On the 30th of August, Rev. M. J. Tjaden was re-elected as pastor of the Lennox mission, and accepted the call of the same.

INSTALLATIONS.

1. On the 21st of September, 1884, Rev. C. Huber was duly installed as pastor of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Yutan, Rev. S. B. Barnitz officiating.

2. On the 1st of February, 1885, Rev. J. Frank was installed as pastor of the German Lutheran Church, at Plattsmouth, Neb., Rev. F. Spriegel officiating.

3. On the 19th of July, 1885, Rev. W. T. Grommisch was installed as pastor of the Lutheran Church, at St. Joseph, Mo., Rev. R. Neumaerker officiating.

4. On the 6th of September, 1885, Rev. Chr. Thomsen was installed as pastor of the Lutheran Church, at Home, Kan., Revs. J. D. Severinghaus and J. G. Grönmiller officiating.

DEDICATIONS.

1. September 21st, 1884, Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Yutan, Neb., was dedicated to the worship of the Triune God. Rev. C. Huber, pastor, was assisted by Rev. S. B. Barnitz.

2. December 21st, 1884, the First Lutheran Church of Kearney, Neb., was dedicated. The pastor, Rev. F. M. Andreason was assisted by Revs. S. B. Barnitz, J. N. Lenker, and W. H. C. Nielsen.

3. December 7, 1884, our church at Wayne, Neb., was dedicated. The pastor, Rev. G. H. Schnur, was assisted by Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D.

4. December 14, 1884, the Lutheran church at North Auburn, Rev. J. W. Kimmel, pastor, was dedicated, Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., preaching the sermon.

5. December 28, 1884, the Lutheran church at North Sweden was dedicated, Rev. F. M. Andreson officiating.

6. July 26, 1885, the First Lutheran church of Laramie, Wyoming, was dedicated. The pastor, Rev. F. M. Andreason, was assisted by Revs. C. S. Albert, J. A. Clutz, and S. B. Barnitz.

7. August 9, 1885, the Lutheran church at West Point, of which Rev. G. W. Spiggle is pastor, was dedicated, Revs. A. B. Shrader, G. H. Schnur, and A. T. Ludwig assisted.

8. August 30, 1885, our church at Hanover, Kansas, having undergone extensive repairs, was re-opened on the above date. The pastor, Rev. J. G. Grönmiller, was assisted by Rev. J. D. Severinghaus.

9. August 30, 1885, near Ponca, Neb., one of the congregations of which Rev. C. Sick is pastor, dedicated a house of worship. The pastor was assisted by Revs. J. Gutleben, and J. Zimmerman.

10. September 6, 1885, one of the congregations served by Rev. C. Baird, near Dakota City, dedicated its church on the above date. The pastor was assisted by Revs. J. S. Detweiler, S. B. Barnitz, S. Sick, and G. H. Schnur.

11. On September 6, 1885, the newly erected church at Home, Marshall county, Kansas, was dedicated to the worship of God. The pastor, Rev. Chr. Thomsen, was assisted by Revs. J. D. Severinghaus, Chicago, Ill., and J. G. Grönmiller, Hanover, Kansas.

CORNER-STONES LAID.

1. On the 26th of October, 1884, the corner-stone of a new Evangelical Lutheran church was laid at North Sweden, by Rev. F. M. Andreason.

2. On the 9th of November, 1884, the corner-stone of the Lutheran church at Beatrice, Neb., was laid with appropriate exercises. The pastor, Rev. G. H. Albright, was assisted by Revs. F. W. Eyster, M. S. Cressman, C. Huber, and the resident minister.

3. On the 26th of April, 1885, the corner-stone of the First Lutheran church of Laramie, Wyoming, was laid. The pastor, Rev. F. M. Andreason, was assisted by Revs. S. B. Barnitz and J. N. Lenker.

4. On the 26th of April, 1885, the corner-stone of the Lutheran church at West Point was laid. The pastor, Rev. G. W. Spiggle, was assisted by Rev. A. T. Ludwig.

5. On the 14th of May, 1885, the corner-stone of a new Lutheran church was laid near Ponca, Nebraska, Rev. C. Sick, pastor.

6. On the 23d of June, 1885, the corner-stone of the Lutheran church at Rising City was laid. The pastor, Rev. B. F. Pugh, was assisted by Revs. D. H. Shultz and C. Huber.

VACANCIES.

1. York county charge has now been vacant for one year.

2. Our church in Nebraska City, the same length of time.

3. From what has been stated, both West Point and Wayne mission will soon be vacant.

4. Of the field which was served by Rev. J. A. Frank, we have heard nothing since he resigned. It is no doubt still vacant.

5. North Platte is still vacant.

Let us earnestly pray the Lord of the harvest that He may send forth laborers into these fields. More will be said about these and other points in the report of the Advisory Mission Committee.

VACANCIES SUPPLIED.

1. Roca has been supplied for about six months by Rev. D. H. Shultz.

2. York county charge was supplied during the greater part of the year by brethren of the English Conference.

3. Nebraska City was visited a number of times by Bro. Kimmel, and services were held. Your presiding officer was also there once. On account of existing circumstances not much could be done.

CHARGES PREFERRED.

On the 11th of December, 1884, I received a communication from Rev. J. W. Kimmel, which contained charges of drunkenness against Rev. J. H. Dirks. The same week I received a note from Rev. Dirks, stating that he considered himself no longer a member of the Nebraska Synod. I notified Rev. Dirks:

1. That it was neither in his nor in my power to dissolve his Synodical relation, that it was formed by the Synod, and could only be dissolved by the same body.

2. That charges were preferred against him for drunkenness, and that I was compelled, according to the government of our church, to suspend him from the performance of all ministerial functions.

I heard nothing more from Rev. Dirks personally.

This brother being a member of the German Conference, I called the attention of the President of the same to these facts, sending him the charges, and telling him to proceed in the matter according to our church government. Nothing definite was done. As the time for the meeting of the German Conference drew near, I notified all the members of the Conference and all parties concerned, that the case should be examined by that body and acted upon as the Formula of the Church prescribes. The action of that body will be presented to this Synod.

Inasmuch as no decisive action was taken, I again duly notified all the parties that the case would come up before this body, and that they should appear. Hence the matter is now before you, brethren. To the honor of God and the good of the church do as seemeth to you good.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence of your presiding officer has taken up no little time and labor. I have written about 200 letters and 100 postals, all of which were written for this body.

EDUCATIONAL.

Rev. J. P. Schnure wrote me a short time ago in reference to a certain young man by the name of Wm. H. Naffziger. Mr. Naffziger is preparing himself for the ministry, and needs help. He will no doubt be present at this Convention.

SUGGESTIONS.

Permit me to make the following suggestions:

1. That the brethren be more prompt to give your presiding officer proper and immediate notice of all acts which concern this body.

2. That we take into consideration at this meeting of Synod the advisability of a traveling missionary for the same.

3. That the installation of our pastors be more regularly attended to.

4. That we take some definite action in reference to Carthage College.

5. That this body appoint a Committee on Education, whose duty it shall be to examine such persons who present themselves to this Synod for aid to assist in preparing for the ministry.

Brethren, my work is done. I hand back to you the trust given to my care. I pray you to cover with the mantle of charity all my failures and shortcomings. May the great Head of the Church bless us richly, and prosper us in our undertakings.

Grand Island, September 25, 1885. C. HUBER.

Election of Officers.

Election of officers was declared in order, and Revs. J. S. Detweiler and M. L. Melick were appointed tellers.

The following were elected.

President—Rev. C. Huber, Yutan, Nebraska.

English Secretary—Rev. G. H. Albright, Beatrice, Nebraska.

German Secretary—Rev. William Rosentengel, Grand Island, Nebraska.

Treasurer—Prof. L. F. M. Easterday, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The President requested that all papers intended for Synod be handed in at once.

Adjourned with prayer.

FIRST DAY—SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod called to order by President.

Prayer by Rev. F. W. Eyster.

Minutes read and approved.

The following committees were then announced by the President:

No. 1. President's Report—Revs. J. G. Grönmiller, A. B. Shrader, G. H. Schnur.

No. 2. Auditing Committee—Rev. A. B. Shrader, Prof. L. F. M. Easterday, W. P. Miller.

No. 3. Minutes of Last Meeting—Revs. F. W. Eyster, M. L. Melick, C. Sick.

No. 4. Parochial Reports—Revs. D. Shultz, J. N. Lenker, and William Thoele.

No. 5. On Excuses—Revs. M. L. Wilhelm, J. Gutleben, and J. J. Stein.

No. 6. On Reception of New Congregations—Revs. B. F. Pugh, J. Wolff, and J. Bender.

No. 7. On Apportionment—Revs. J. W. Kimmel, H. W. Fricke, and C. J. Ringer.

No. 8. Minutes of English Conference—Revs. Wm. Rosenstengel, J. Wolff, and H. Niebaum.

No. 9. Minutes of German Conference—Revs. J. N. Lenker, C. Baird.

No. 10. Vacant Congregations—Revs. M. L. Wilhelm, G. W. Spiggle.

11. *Synodical Calendar*—Revs. J. S. Detweiler, J. Gutleben, M. L. Melick.

Parochial Report.

Parochial reports were read by the brethren, and remarks made on the state of religion in the congregations belonging to this Synod. These reports were full of interest and show increased results as the reward of earnest service.

Visiting Brethren.

By motion, Rev. C. Buechler, from the Ohio Synod, was introduced and made a welcome visitor of Synod. Rev. H. Hansen, of Hampton, Neb., President of Danish Evangelical Lutheran Association, was also recognized and welcomed as a visiting brother.

Adjourned with prayer.

Evening Services.

Services to-night had reference to Foreign Missions. Addresses were made, according to previous appointment, by Rev. D. H. Shultz in the English language, and by Rev. J. A. Frank in the German. A collection was taken for missions; amount, $10.17.

SECOND DAY—FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY, SEP. 26, 1885.

8:30 a. m. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. C. Moessner.

9:10. Synod called to order by the President.

Opened by prayer.

After roll call, the minutes of former sessions were read and approved.

By motion, Rev. Prof. E. F. Bartholomew, President of Carthage College, was made an advisory member of this body.

It was moved that the Examining Committee be excused from attendance of Synod during this day so as to attend to the examination of candidates. Motion carried.

Several parochial reports were read, and remarks made on state of religion.

It was moved that Rev. Prof. E. F. Bartholomew be heard on Carthage College, at 2:00 o'clock this afternoon. Motion carried.

Report of Committee No. 1—On President's Report.

Your Committee on the Report of the President would respectfully submit the following:

The report is a concise statement of the official acts of the President during the past year, and shows fidelity in the discharge of his difficult and onerous duties. We note with pleasure an increase in the clerical membership of the Synod from 44 to 49. Ten churches were dedicated, three vacancies have been supplied, and five are reported.

On the recommendations contained in this report, we offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That Synod endorse all the official acts of the President.

2. *Resolved*, That it be made the duty of the pastors of this Synod to report immediately to the President the laying of corner-stones, church dedications, remodelling or enlarging churches, erection of parsonages, organization of new churches, installations, and all other important events.

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4. *Resolved*, That the installation of our pastors be more regularly attended to.

5. *Resolved*, With regard to Carthage College, we suggest that the following resolutions be now adopted:

1. That we have heard with pleasure the statements made by President

Bartholomew concerning the internal workings of Carthage College during the past year.

2. That, to all in our churches who desire the advantages of a higher education, we commend this Institution as worthy of their patronage.

3. That inasmuch as very considerable disturbance has arisen in late months as to the part which the church enjoys in the *bona fide* ownership of the Carthage College property, we are not now prepared to recommend an increase in the investment on the part of our people.

4. That, if the Synods of Northern Illinois and of Iowa at their early future meetings shall decide to pursue the matter of determining definitely with regard to the ownership of this property, and shall agree upon a plan of action, the President and Secretaries of this Synod shall, as a committee, be considered competent to act for, and in every way to represent, this Synod in co-operating in the matter of carrying into effect such plan of action.

6. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Education consist of the Examining Committee.

7. *Resolved*, That the matters regarding Rev. J. H. Dirks be referred to the Ministerium.

J. G. GRÖNMILLER,
A. B. SHRADER,
G. H. SCHNUR.

The report was adopted except Resolution No. 3, which was referred to the Board of Home Missions, and Resolution No. 5 deferred until after the report on Carthage College by Rev. Prof. E. F. Bartholomew, President of College.

The following resolution was offered to Synod and adopted:

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer for the necessary amount to pay the President, Secretaries and Treasurer of Synod for all stationery and postage used during the year.

Report of Western Secretary.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, Western Secretary of Board of Home Missions, was asked to make his report to Synod.

The Secretary responded, and his address was stirring and full of interest to all who have at heart the work of our Church. We are heartily glad and made to rejoice at the increasing interest and good results during the year.

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2. That, to all in our churches who desire the advantages of a higher education, we commend this Institution as worthy of their patronage.

3. That inasmuch as very considerable disturbance has arisen in late months as to the part which the church enjoys in the *bona fide* ownership of the Carthage College property, we are not now prepared to recommend an increase in the investment on the part of our people.

4. That, if the Synods of Northern Illinois and of Iowa at their early future meetings shall decide to pursue the matter of determining definitely with regard to the ownership of this property, and shall agree upon a plan of action, the President and Secretaries of this Synod shall, as a committee, be considered competent to act for, and in every way to represent, this Synod in co-operating in the matter of carrying into effect such plan of action.

6. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Education consist of the Examining Committee.

7. *Resolved*, That the matters regarding Rev. J. H. Dirks be referred to the Ministerium.

J. G. GRÖNMILLER,
A. B. SHRADER,
G. H. SCHNUR.

The report was adopted except Resolution No. 3, which was referred to the Board of Home Missions, and Resolution No. 5 deferred until after the report on Carthage College by Rev. Prof. E. F. Bartholomew, President of College.

The following resolution was offered to Synod and adopted:

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the Treasurer for the necessary amount to pay the President, Secretaries and Treasurer of Synod for all stationery and postage used during the year.

Report of Western Secretary.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, Western Secretary of Board of Home Missions, was asked to make his report to Synod.

The Secretary responded, and his address was stirring and full of interest to all who have at heart the work of our Church. We are heartily glad and made to rejoice at the increasing interest and good results during the year.

Adjourned with prayer.

SECOND DAY—SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26TH, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer.

Minutes of forenoon session read and approved.

The time specified to hear Prof. Bartholomew on Carthage College having been reached, Prof. Bartholomew was called upon and made an address.

Rev. Prof. Bartholomew called the attention of Synod to its own interests at Carthage, and called upon the Synod to cherish and protect these interests for the good of the Church and the cause of education. He also gave a report of the internal operations of the College, which was certainly encouraging and gratifying.

The resolution in report of Committee No. 1, having reference to Carthage College, was again taken up and discussed.

By motion, it was decided to allow but eight-minute addresses.

By motion, time of adjournment was extended twelve minutes.

Adjourned with prayer.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening was given to the discussion of the subject of Home Missions. Addresses were made in English by Rev. C. Baird, Rev. Prof. E. F. Bartholomew, and S. B. Barnitz, and in German by Rev. Gutleben.

Collection, $10.22.

THIRD DAY—FIRST SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, SEPT. 28, 1885.

8:30 a. m., devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. J. S. Detweiler.

9:00 a. m., Synod opened by prayer, with President in chair.

Roll was called.

Minutes were read and corrected.

Unfinished Business.

The first order this morning was unfinished business.

The subject of Carthage College was again taken up.

Resolution 5 in report of Committee No. 1 was adopted. See resolution.

Report of Committee on Founding an Educational Institution in the West.

Your Committee appointed to correspond with the Synods of Iowa and Kansas concerning the founding of an educational institution west of the Mississippi river, would respectfully report, that the chairman of the Committee forwarded a copy of your resolutions on page 32, printed Minutes 1884. The Synod of Iowa responded by the appointment of a committee of six of its members to confer with your Committee. From the Synod of Kansas no reply was received.

Inasmuch as the recent convention of the General Synod has appointed a Board of Education to facilitate the cause of education in the West, we recommend that no further action be taken by the Committee, and the Committee be discharged.

J. S. DETWEILER,
M. L. WILHELM,
J. N. LENKER,
J. G. GRÖNMILLER.

Treasurer's Report.

The following report was read by Rev. J. S. Detweiler in the absence of C. F. Goodman, Treasurer of Nebraska Synod.

Report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

OMAHA, NEB., SEPT. 25, 1885.

To the President and Members of the Evan. Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

Your Treasurer regrets his inability to be present at your Convention, and begs leave to submit the following report of receipts and disbursements during the past twelve months, as per vouchers, treasurer's book, and tabulated statement herewith.

I. HOME MISSION ACCOUNT.

Received during the year	$298 36	
Paid to C. S. Weiser, Treasurer	181 60	
On hand		$116 76

II. FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT.

Received during the year	$302 67	
Paid to Lantz and Clutz	204 92	
		97 75

III. CHURCH EXTENSION ACCOUNT.

Received during the year	$106 15	
Paid to E. G. Smyser, Treasurer	80 95	
		25 20

IV. SYNODICAL TREASURY ACCOUNT.

On hand at last report	$17 50	
Received during the year	124 04	
	$141 54	
Paid Luth. Pub. Society, Severinghaus, etc.	115 69	
		25 85

V. GENERAL SYNOD TREASURY.

Received during the year	$32 52	
Paid Gebhard, Treasurer	19 55	
		12 97

VI. CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Received during the year	32 00

VII. EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand at last report	$69 71	
Received during the year	33 55	
	$103 26	
Paid to Moessner, Columbus	79 26	
		24 00

VIII. KEARNEY.

Received during the year	$29 26	
Paid C. S. Weiser	10 00	
		19 26

IX. KANSAS CITY.

Received during the year	36 87

X. DENVER.

Received during the year	31 60

XI. CHICAGO.

Received during the year	10 00	
Paid to E. G. Smyser	10 00	
Amount in the Treasury		$422 26

For which I enclose my check. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. F. GOODMAN,
Treasurer Nebraska Synod.

OMAHA, NEB., SEP. 25, 1885.

Receipts of the Treasurer of the Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Nebraska during the past twelve months.

NAMES OF PASTORS.	PLACE.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Synodical Treasury.	General Synod Treasury.	Children's Miss. Society.	Education.	Kearney.	Kansas City.	Denver.	Chicago.	Total.
Balance last year.					$17 50			$69 71					$87 21
W. T. Grommisch.	Barada	$5 79	$4 60	$4 40	9 11	$2 35		2 45					28 70
B. F. Pugh	Rising	6 00	6 00	4 00	6 10	50		1 30				$5 00	28 90
W. Rosenstengel	Grand Island.	15 50	14 52	50	5 00	1 00							36 52
J. W. Kimmel	Auburn	23 70	1 50		3 75		$17 00	*5 00	$10 00	$10 00			70 95
F. Spriegel	Centreville	10 00	13 00		3 00	2 00							28 00
Ch. Moessner	Columbus	5 00	20 00		12 00	2 00							39 00
C. Baird	Dakotah	8 57	6 00	5 50	2 50	2 50		†10 00					35 07
I. N. Augustine.	Carlton	1 00	1 00		1 85								3 85
C. Gearhart	Oakland	3 00	8 00	3 50	2 25	50							17 25
L. Knight	Ponca	8 00	9 00	22 50	3 00	1 00		3 80					47 30
Ch. Sick	Ponca	18 50	18 50	6 00	4 00	2 00			2 00		$6 60		57 60
J. Gutleben	Fontanelle.	15 00	17 00		3 00	2 00							37 00
A. T. Ludwig	West Point.	2 00			3 00								5 00
St. Paul's Cong	Kansas	1 75	1 75										3 50
C. F. Fleiner	St. Joseph, Mo.	2 00	5 00		5 00			1 00					13 00
General call at.	Synod.	6 06	21 55	6 05				2 00	5 00				33 66
Wm. Thoele	Ohiowa	9 50	7 50	4 00	3 00	1 00							32 00
J. G. Grönmiller.	Kansas	22 75	52 75		5 00								80 50
C. Huber	Yutan	14 00	4 00	10 00	7 00	4 47	10 00	8 00		20 00			77 47
G. H. Schnur	Wayne	12 75	2 50	4 70	10 00	1 00	5 00		2 50				38 45

* Wenner's.

† Western Secretary, Omaha.

NAMES OF PASTORS.	PLACE.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Synodical Treasury	General Synod Treasury	Children's Mis. Society	Education	Kearney	Kansas City	Denver	Chicago	Total
St. Marks Cong.	Lincoln	$7 50	$7 50		$5 00	$1 00				$6 87			$27 87
G. H. Albright	Beatrice	6 00			2 07								8 07
F. M. Andreason.	Kearney	4 00											4 00
D. H. Shultz	York Co.	2 00	2 00			50							4 50
C. S. Albert	North Platte	5 84											5 84
J. S. Detweiler	Omaha	50 00	50 00	$35 00	12 15	5 35					$25 00		177 50
A. B. C. Party		7 95											7 95
M. L. Melick	Waverly	14 00	14 00										28 00
F. M. Andreason	Laramie, Wyo	7 35			2 00								9 35
H. P. Hansen	Denver, Col.	1 50											1 50
H. P. Hansen	Pueblo, Col.	1 35											1 35
A. B. Shrader	Ponca		15 00						$9 76				24 76
M. L. Wilhelm	Tekamah				5 26	1 35							6 61
H. W. Fricke	Hooper				3 00	1 00							4 00
J. N. Lenker	Grand Island				1 00	1 00							2 00
J. Zimmerman	Dakotah				2 00								2 00
H. Seikman	Hastings				1 00								1 00
J. Frank	Plattsmouth				2 00								2 00
G. A. Crannell	Tekamah											$5 00	5 00
		$298 36	$302 67	$106 15	$141 54	$32 52	$32 00	$103 26	$29 26	$36 87	$31 60	$10 00	$1124 23

Report of Committee No. 3—On Minutes of Last Year.

Committee No. 3 respectfully report that the proceedings of last year's convention of this body present the following items of unfinished business claiming attention:

1. On page 16 it is stated that certain pledges were made on behalf of the Woman's Memorial church at Freeport, Illinois. It is proper to inquire whether these pledges have been redeemed. (Ans. Yes.)

2. On page 16 is recorded an appeal of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Nebraska Synod to secure the organization of Auxiliary Societies in all congregations of the Synod in which no such Societies then existed. As the presentation of this appeal was followed by a unanimous agreement of the pastors concerned to organize such Auxiliary Societies wherever possible, it would be interesting to Synod to learn how far these efforts have been successful. (Ans. Not many have been organized.)

3. By resolution recorded on page 23, it is made the duty of every pastor serving a congregation not in connection with this Synod, at the first congregational meeting held after the last Synodical Convention, to present to the congregation the question of its union with Synod, and to see that a vote be taken on this question. It is proper now to inquire if this resolution has been complied with. (Ans. Yes.)

4. It appears on page 26, that a committee was appointed to have this Synod incorporated; and on page 32 it appears that this committee reported to Synod articles of incorporation, which were adopted. It is proper to inquire whether these articles of incorporation have been filed with the Secretary of State as the law requires. (Ans. Not recorded.)

5. As temperance and the sanctity of the Lord's day are ever living questions of vital interest and importance, your Committee recommends that Synod re-affirm her testimony on these subjects as recorded on pages 27 and 28 of last year's Convention, and earnestly enjoin her pastors to a faithful adherence to that testimony, and to preach on said subjects at least once during this year.

6. A delegate was appointed to the State Sunday-school Association, as appears on page 29. The Synod will be interested in receiving the delegate's report. (Association was reported interesting.)

7. On the same page it appears that a committee was appointed with instructions to arrange for the meeting of a Lutheran Sunday-school Convention in Nebraska. It will be proper for this committee to report. (Report nothing done.)

8. On page 32 resolutions are recorded relative to education, and a committee appointed to correspond with the officers of Iowa and Kansas Synod. Has this committee taken action? (Ans. Yes.)

9. On page 35, it is stated that the delegates to the General Synod were instructed to prepare a suitable memorial to that body relative to the appointment of a Board of Education.

It is presumed that the delegates to the General Synod will embody the

result of this action in their report of the proceedings of that body. (Duty was discharged.)

10. On page 37, it is stated that a committee was appointed to revise the Constitution of this Synod and present the same for publication at this meeting. Is the committee prepared to report as directed? (Reported progress.)

11. On page 37, it is recorded that Bro. Grönmiller gather all historical statistics of Synod and report at this meeting. Is the report ready? (Not ready.)

12. On page 29, the Chairman of this Committee was requested, by motion to see to the interests of the Lutheran church in his town and community. He reports progress.

13. Finally, in the examination of the formal parochial report, your committee recommends that it be amended by the addition of a column in which shall be entered the *excess* or *deficit* of each pastoral charge in its benevolent contributions on the annual apportionment, similar to that of the General Synod in its account with the respective Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. EYSTER,
M. L. MELICK,
CH. SICK.

The following are the resolutions re-affirmed:

WHEREAS, The Lord's Day, according to the Scriptures, is a day of holy rest and holy worship; and

WHEREAS, It is one of the pillars of our national safety, and of the Church's purity; and

WHEREAS, There is a growing disregard of the sanctity of the day even among us; therefore

Resolved, That our pastors preach faithfully on the sanctity of the Lord's Day, and earnestly urge all of our people to keep it holy.

THIRD DAY—SECOND SESSION.

2:00 P. M., MONDAY, SEPT. 28, 1885.

Synod called to order by the President.

Opened with prayer.

Report of Committee No. 3, pending when Synod adjourned, was again taken up and adopted item by item.

Report of Committee No. 10—Vacant Congregations.

The following report was offered and adopted.

Your Committee on Vacancies report:

York Co. Charge.—A very encouraging state of things exists, and a mem-

ber of this Synod is invited to visit them. It is hoped he will become permament pastor, and the work go forward.

Emerson.—There is a fine opening for a work in Emerson. The matter is put under the care of Rev. C. Baird, of Dakota City, and Rev. C. Sick, of Ponca, and it is hoped by proper attention we will have a good congregation there.

West Point.—This interesting congregation is vacant. This is to be lamented. The matter is now in the hands of the Board to provide a pastor; yet anything we could do in hastening the matter would be well.

Cheyenne.—Cheyenne desires the services of Rev. Hansen, of Denver, and desires of this Synod to encourage him to become their pastor. Could such arrangements be made without conflicting with other interests, we should most certainly commend it; but Rev. Hansen being in the employ of the Home Mission Board, we can do no more than refer their petition to the Board of Home Missions.

Ogalalla, Keith Co., near the Colorado line.—There are fifteen members now in an organized congregation, principally English; yet there are, besides, Germans and Scandinavians in the vicinity. The North Platte congregation is near, and as they are to have a pastor soon, it would be well to have his attention drawn to them, also to report them to the Home Mission Board, and the President of Synod.

M. L. WILHELM,
C. BAIRD,
F. SPRIEGEL.

Denver Junction was reported with favor, and Prof. L. F. M. Easterday was appointed to look up our interests there.

Report of Committee No. 2—Auditing Committee.

Your Committee on the report of the Treasurer submit the following:

That the accounts are in good order and correct.

We recommend that all funds, the account of which is intended to appear in the annual report of the treasurer, must be sent to that officer not later than two weeks before the opening of Synod.

A. B. SHRADER,
L. F. M. EASTERDAY,
WM. P. MILLER.

Report of Delegates to the General Synod.

The following report was made by Rev. J. S. Detweiler, Chairman of the Nebraska delegation to General Synod:

Your representatives to the Thirty-second Convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States would respectfully report that eight members of the delegation were in attendance upon the Convention.

To present even a synopsis of this very harmonious and important Christian

gathering would demand more time than is usually allotted to reports of this kind; hence we cannot give more than a mere outline of the proceedings. Without any reference to their chronological order, we call your attention to the following:

Boards.—The Boards of the Church have so generously supplied our congregations with full printed reports, that we will not take up your valuable time by detailing these reports. The reports of the Treasurer show a gratifying increase in contributions, giving evidence that Missions, Church Extension and Publication interests are more and more engaging the affections of our people. The General Synod was so well satisfied with the skillful and economical management of the trust committed to the several Boards and their Secretaries, that in every instance resolutions of thanks and commendation were unanimously adopted.

State of the Church.—The Committee on the State of the Church presented some interesting facts in their report, some of which we mention in brief:

1. The progress made by the General Synod in the number of communicants; for 17 years the average annual gain is 3,137.

2. The progress in contributions. The benevolent contributions reported at this meeting of General Synod show an average increase of 470 per cent. over the contributions reported in 1868. Contributions to one of the Boards show the remarkable increase of 6721 per cent.

3. The spirit of Christian unity and the harmony of Christian purpose which prevails throughout the Church and in all of its Synodical Conventions.

4. The interest and success with which the whole Church is coming forward in the capacity of a teacher of the children in our Sunday-schools, now numbering a membership of 170,000.

5. There is a growing interest on the part of the ministry to gather the children of our families into catechetical classes, in order to instruct them in the doctrines of the Lutheran Church, and early win them to the Saviour.

Apportionment.—It was resolved that the yearly amounts to be given to the respective Boards for the next two years, beginning April 1, 1886, and ending March 31, 1888, be as follows: $30,000 per year to the Foreign Mission Board; $30,000 to the Home Mission Board; $25,000 to the Church Extension Board. In accordance with this resolution, it was further resolved that the District Synods be requested at their first meeting after the adjournment of the General Synod to apportion for their congregations on the basis of the amounts asked for at the preceding General Synod. The Synod of Nebraska is asked to raise annually for two years from April 1, 1886, to March 31, 1888, for Home Missions, $462.00; for Foreign Missions, $462.00; for Church Extension, $400.00; for General Synod Treasury, $27.00.

Orphanages and Homes.—The report of the Board of Directors of Tressler Orphans' Home exhibited progress. Increased accommodations are now provided for many worthy applicants. The increase of orphans to be cared for calls for proportionately larger contributions, and it was suggested by the Board that this object be specially presented to the children of the church in

our Sunday-schools, and their contributions asked. It was also requested that the Synods more generally send Trustees to the Board of this Institution, and also send donations for its support.

The report of the German Orphan Board, outlining a more general care for orphans, was adopted. This Board contemplates a number of orphanages, to be known as "mission centres." Preparatory steps have already been taken at Syracuse, N. Y., and Chicago, Ill. For the present the field covering our Synodical territory is temporarily in charge of Rev. J. G. Grönmiller.

Another good work proposed is the care of the aged and infirm. A "Home" for aged ministers is already projected. And that this work may be more general, a committee was appointed to take into consideration the founding of an asylum or home for the aged and infirm; said committee is expected to present the result of its deliberations to each individual Synod, so that if possible final action may be had at the next meeting of the General Synod.

Pastors' Fund Society.—The report presented by the Treasurer of the Pastors' Fund Society elicited discussion concerning the fact that the good work of this Society is not fully appreciated, and that there is urgent necessity for each District Synod to take greater interest and encourage contributions to this Fund.

Education.—The report of the Committee on Literary and Theological Institutions was encouraging. Gratification was expressed at the success that has attended the efforts of the friends of liberal education in our church, but there is still need for further co-operation of all our pastors with existing institutions. We are happy to state that a Board of Education was appointed for the purpose of advancing our educational interests, especially in the West. Under this head the need of more men for the ministry was vigorously discussed, showing that the church is awakening to the urgent need of a larger ministry.

Common Service Book.—It is a matter of rejoicing that the report of the Committee on Common Service Book was adopted unanimously. We have reason to hope that the progress thus far made gives assurance that the time is not far distant when there will be an accepted order of service for all English-speaking Lutherans.

W. H. and F. M. S.—Resolutions were passed, endorsing and commending the efficient work of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society; that results have exceeded the most sanguine expectations, and the Society has proven itself worthy of the encouragement and co-operation of every minister of the General Synod.

A. E. L. I. M. S.—The American Evangelical Lutheran Immigrant Missionary Society was favorably noticed in a series of pertinent resolutions, and recommended to the favor of all our Synods, pastors and congregations.

Y. M. C. A.—The Young Men's Christian Association was commended for its great work, and our ministers and churches urged to do what they can to maintain it in its legitimate field of labor, and to co-operate with it in the important and special work in which it is engaged.

Sabbath and Temperance.—Resolutions were adopted wherein Synod re-

affirmed its belief in the divine authority of the Christian Sabbath as a day of sacred rest and religious instruction and worship of Almighty God. By resolution it was also by this, as by former conventions of General Synod, declared that our Church is ever in sympathy with every lawful and proper method in arresting and destroying the curse of intemperance and the traffic in strong drink.

Deaconesses.—The question of the establishment within our Church of an Order of Deaconesses was referred to a special committee, which shall report at the next meeting of the General Synod.

Appeals.—It was recommended to our people and churches to receive into their confidence and make recipients of their benefactions only such appeals as are endorsed by the authority of the Synod within whose bounds the object for which aid is asked is located. And it was further recommended that all such appeals for churches and institutions not belonging to us shall not only have the endorsement of their own Synodical bodies, but shall also have the official approval and recommendation of the President of the district Synod within whose bounds the appeal is proposed to be made.

Statistics.—That there may be a fuller and more nearly correct compilation of statistics, a Statistical Secretary was appointed to take charge of this work. In accordance with the authority given by the resolutions, a uniform blank has been prepared, and is now offered for the adoption of this Synod, as it will no doubt be adopted by all the district Synods.

Fraternal Correspondence.—Delegates from a number of prominent denominations of the land were present, with the fraternal greetings of the bodies represented. In each case there was a cordial reception and a hearty response by the President. Delegates were also appointed by us to carry our fraternal greetings to others; and in this way was re-affirmed the liberal and catholic spirit of the General Synod towards all other evangelical churches.

Harmony.—We cannot close this report without giving expression to the heartiness and zeal with which the business of the General Synod was attended to by the delegates. The attendance upon the meetings was prompt, punctual and regular. Perfect harmony prevailed throughout the entire meeting. There was enjoyed true fellowship and unity of spirit, making our Convention truly a "holy convocation."

Next Convention.—General Synod adjourned to meet in Thirty-third Convention at Omaha, Neb., on the first Wednesday after Whitsunday, A. D., 1887. We recommend that the proposed meeting within our borders be a matter of frequent mention from the pulpit, and that the prayers be frequent and fervent for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, so that the coming of the General Synod to Nebraska will bring a great blessing to every church in our Synod, and lead to the organization of many new ones; and above all be a means of revival to all our people.

J. S. DETWEILER,
C. HUBER,
G. H. SCHNUR,
J. N. LENKER,
WM. ROSENSTENGEL,
P. S. LEISENRING.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

		Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	General Synod.
Albright.	Beatrice	$1 48	$6 00	$6 00	$5 10	$ 40
Augustine	Carleton.	1 08	4 50	4 50	3 95	30
Andreason.	Laramie City, Wyo'g.	6 64	24 00	24 00	20 40	1 70
C. Baird	Dakota City	3 08	12 00	12 00	10 20	75
J. S. Detweiler.	Omaha	5 50	25 00	25 00	21 25	1 40
J. Frank	Plattsmouth	6 40	25 00	25 00	21 25	1 60
H. W. Fricke	Hooper	10 00	37 50	37 50	31 90	2 50
J. Gutleben	Fontanelle.	6 00	25 00	25 00	21 25	1 50
T. W. Grommisch.	St. Joseph, Mo.	1 40	6 00	6 00	5 10	35
J. G. Grönmiller.	Hanover, Kan	4 50	18 00	18 00	15 30	1 15
A. Hagenstein	Washington	1 25	5 00	5 00	4 25	35
H. P. Hansen	Denver	2 00	8 00	8 00	6 80	50
C. Huber	Yutan.	1 00	5 00	5 00	4 25	20
J. W. Kimmel	North Auburn	3 20	12 00	12 00	10 20	80
L. L. Lipe.	Lincoln	1 55	6 00	6 00	5 10	40
J. N. Lenker.	Grand Island	1 10	5 00	5 00	4 25	30
Chas. Moessner	Columbus	8 00	25 00	25 00	21 25	2 00
M. L. Melick	Waverly	2 60	10 00	10 00	8 50	65
R. Neumaerker.	Barada	7 20	25 00	25 00	21 25	1 80
B. F. Pugh	Rising City	1 35	5 00	5 00	4 25	40
Wm. Rosenstengel	Grand Island	3 70	11 70	11 70	10 80	78
C. Sick	Ponca (German)	5 00	20 00	20 00	17 00	1 35
G. H. Schnur	Wayne	2 00	8 00	8 00	7 00	50
D. H. Shultz	Roca	1 00	4 00	4 00	3 40	25
F. W. Scheibel	Amazon	1 40	5 00	5 00	4 25	35
H. Siekman	Hastings.	1 10	5 00	5 00	4 25	30
F. W. Spriegel	Centre Valley	5 00	19 00	19 00	16 00	1 30
A. B. Shrader	Ponca	2 40	15 00	15 00	13 00	60
G. W. Spiggle	West Point	3 00	11 25	11 25	10 00	75
J. J. Starner	Central City	5 00	18 00	18 00	16 00	1 30
M. J. Tjaden	Lennox, Dakota	75	3 00	3 00	2 50	20
Wm. Thoele	Ohiowa	2 25	8 00	8 00	7 00	60
M. L. Wilhelm	Tekamah	3 75	15 00	15 00	13 00	95
J. Wolff.	Sterling	1 80	6 00	6 00	5 00	45
J. N. Zimmer.	Elk City	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
C. Anderson.	Potter	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
	Febing	2 00	30 00	30 00	25 00	2 00
G. Kaiser	Wilbur	8 00	20 00	20 00	17 00	2 00
	North Platte	2 00	7 50	7 50	7 00	50

J. W. KIMMEL,
C. J. RINGER,
Committee.

Report of Committee No. 7—Apportioning Committee.

The following was reported and accepted:

	Apportionment.	Amount Paid.	Excess.	Deficit.	
1. Beatrice	$23 50	$23 50			Albright.
2. Carleton	16 95	5 20		$11 75	Augustine.
3. Laramie	42 50	13 35		29 15	Andreason.
4. Dakota City	48 00	20 65		27 35	C. Baird.
5. Omaha	86 80	195 60	$109 80		Detweiler.
6. St. Joseph, Mo.	26 82	21 50		5 32	Grommisch.
	87 50	40 00		47 50	
7. Fontanelle	54 90	65 00	10 10		Gutleben.
8. Barada	103 75	13 25		90 50	
9. Hanover, Kansas	76 50	82 50	6 00		Grönmiller.
10. Denver		2 85	2 85		Hansen.
11. Yutan	21 50	39 46	17 96		Huber.
12. Auburn	26 45	64 25	37 80		
13. Lincoln	26 00	26 00			L. L. Lipe.
14. Columbus	101 75	54 00		47 75	Moessner.
	130 40			130 40	Kaiser.
15. Waverly	44 55	44 55			Melick.
		22 90	22 90		Neumaerker.
16. Rising City	15 00	18 35	3 35		B. F. Pugh.
17. Grand Island (Ger.)	33 75	32 75		1 00	Wm. Rosenstengel.
18. Ponca (German)	21 85	33 50	11 65		C. Sick.
19. Wayne	24 76	25 95	1 19		G. H. Schnur.
20. York Co	23 50			23 50	Vacant.
21. Roca	15 31	13 50		1 81	D. H. Shultz.
22. Amazon	5 75			5 75	Scheible.
23. Hastings		13 00			Siekman.
24. Nehawka	41 00	19 00		22 00	Spriegel.
25. Ponca (English)	48 00	48 00			Shrader.
26. West Point	16 50	16 50			Spiggle.
27. Lennox, Dak.	7 82			7 82	Tjaden.
28. Ohiowa	27 86	23 00		4 86	Thoele.
29. Tekamah	62 37	105 35	42 98		Wilhelm.
30. Sterling	26 11	7 00		19 11	Wolff.
31. Grand Island (Eng.)	21 12	41 70	20 58		Lenker.
32. Febing	116 00			116 00	Dirks.
33. Nebraska City	113 78			113 78	Vacant.

Orphans' Home.

The following resolution was presented to Synod and adopted:

Resolved, That a Board of Trustees, consisting of five members of this Synod, including Rev. J. G. Grönmiller, be appointed to establish an Orphans' Home in connection with this Synod.

Report of Committee No. 6—Reception of New Congregations.

The following report was adopted:

Your Committee on the "Reception of New Congregations" would respectfully report the following. Four congregations make application for admission into our Synod, viz:

1. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Congregation (Scandinavian), of Denver, Col.

2. Emanuel's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation (Scandanavian) of Pueblo, Col.

3. St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation (German), of Boheet, Platte county, Neb.

4. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation (German), of New Church Home, Dixon county, Neb.

These congregations having adopted the proper constitution, your committee recommend that they be received.

B. F. PUGH,
JULIUS WOLFF,
J. BENDER.

Adjourned with prayer, to meet at the call of the President.

MONDAY EVENING.

Services were held in which short sermons were delivered in three different languages, as follows:

Rev. C. Moessner, in the German language.

Rev. H. P. Hansen, in the Norwegian language.

Rev. C. J. Starner, in the Swedish language.

A collection was taken to be given to the Scandinavian work: amount of collection was $3.50.

FOURTH DAY—FIRST SESSION.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29, 1885.

8:30, Devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Gutleben.

9:00, Synod called to order by the President.

Roll was called.

Minutes were read and approved.

By motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to purchase a book of blank receipts with stubs attached, said book not to exceed $2.50 in cost.

Adopted.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions were presented to Synod and adopted, on German Church work:

1. It shall be the duty of every pastor to read the *House Friend*, and try to get subscribers for the same.

2. It should be regarded the duty of each pastor to take shares and try to get stockholders among his people.

3. A Western editor on the *House Friend* should be elected.

4. For the German Seminary at Chicago, one director should be elected.

Report of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

The following report was presented to Synod from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and adopted.

As required by the Constitution of our Women's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, I beg leave to report to the Synod briefly as follows:

1. We have just closed our annual convention held at Lincoln, on the 23d and 24th of September, 1885. At this we had a very gratifying attendance, and all considered the meeting most enjoyable and profitable.

2. It was not only stated officially at our meeting, but it was conclusively established, that the Women's Missionary Society in Nebraska has a body, and lives and moves and has a being.

3. The number of auxiliary societies reported is 15; the number of active members reported is 245; the amount of money received by the Treasurer during the year was $249.26. This is already far out on its mission of good.

4. We are very grateful for what we are thus able to report, but we are by no means satisfied with ourselves. We want thirty auxiliary societies, and we want many more active members, and, of course, we want much more money.

5. We appreciate the difficulties which are in the way of organizing societies in some of our congregations, and our profound sympathies go out to the pastors who have endeavored to secure organizations without perfect success, but we beg them to persevere in the good work.

6. We would urge the good women of our Nebraska churches, who have not yet done so, to organize missionary societies, if it be at all possible—both German and English. If you can send only a single dollar each quarter to our Treasurer, be assured that you will be received most gladly.

7. The officers elected at Lincoln to hold office till the close of our next annual convention, are the following:

President.—Mrs. Rev. J. W. Kimmel, North Auburn.

Vice-Presidents.—Mrs. Rev. L. L. Lipe, Lincoln, Mrs. J. B. Jardine, Omaha, Mrs. Rev. C. Huber, Yutan.

Recording Secretary.—Miss Mary Olinger, Tekamah.
Corresponding Secretary.—Mrs. L. F. M. Easterday, Lincoln.
Treasurer.—Mrs. C. J. Ernst, Lincoln.

Any of these officers will cheerfully give information with regard to organizing new societies, on application.

Very respectfully submitted, MRS. L. F. M. EASTERDAY,
Corresponding Secretary.

LINCOLN, NEB., *Sept.* 24, 1885.

To the Officers and Members of Nebraska Synod:

The following is a summary of the contributions for various objects made by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Nebraska Synod, during the Synodical year just closed, to wit:

Paid into General Fund of the Society		$126 86
" for Home Missions	$30 72	
" " Freeport	15 00	
" " Kansas City	8 25	
" " Denver	28 35	
" " Kearney	5 00	
Total for Home Missionary objects		87 32
Paid for Foreign Missions		20 28
" " Convention expenses and printing Minutes of Synodical Society		14 80
Total amounts of cash received by Synodical Treasurer of the W. H. and F. M. S. of Nebraska Synod		249 26
Reported by Auxiliary Societies as "otherwise expended" during the year		219 45
One Missionary Box reported as sent to a Home Missionary by an Auxiliary, valued at perhaps		50 00
Will make a grand total for the year of		$518 71

Respectfully submitted, MRS. C. J. ERNST,
Synodical Treasurer W. H. & F. M. S. Synod of Nebraska.

The following was adopted by Synod.

Minutes of W. H. and F. M. Society Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Synod donate to the W. H. and F. M. Society the sum of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) to aid the Society in the publication of the proceedings of the Synodical Woman's Missionary Convention recently held at Lincoln, Neb.

Report from English Conference of Nebraska Synod.

The Committee appointed by the English Conference to report to this Synod, submit the following:

1. It is the desire of the English to divide into three conferences, to be known as the North Platte, the South Platte, and Western Conferences.

2. The boundaries of these conferences to consist of all west of Central City to constitute the Western Conference, and the Platte River to divide the North from the South Platte Conferences.

M. L. WILHELM,
M. L. MELICK,
D. H. SHULTZ.

Report of Committee No. 4—Parochial Reports.

The following report was presented and adopted:

Your Committee on Parochial Reports and State of Religion beg leave to report that commendable progress has been made during the year just ending. The reports show an increase of 860 members.

We do, however, regret that so little attention has been given to the wants of the Church, as set forth by the Committee on Apportionment, and hope for better things in the use of the new parochial report, which we recommend to Synod for adoption.

The state of religion is good, but we need to pray for a deeper work of grace throughout the Church during the coming year.

D. H. SHULTZ,
A. B. SHRADER,
WM. THOELE.

Resolved, That the Secretary of Synod be requested to send blank Parochial Reports to all vacant charges, and ask them to fill them out and send to Secretary for Synod, and also that pastors before leaving any charges be asked to send full reports to the President before leaving said charges.

FOURTH DAY—SECOND SESSION.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29, 1885.

Synod opened with prayer.

After some remarks on parochial reports by the members of Synod, the following was the order of business:

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod are due, and are hereby tendered to the people of Grand Island and vicinity, for their cheerful liberality and kindness in entertaining the members of Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be returned to the U. P., the B. & M., and the St. J. & W. Railway Companies for favors received. And especially,

Resolved, That thanks are due the pastors *loci*, Revs. Rosenstengel and Lenker, and to the members of St. Paul's church, for opening their churches for the use of Synod.

Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

DEAR BRETHREN: In making this report we scarcely know what to present that will be of value to this body, and that will result to the good of the Church at large. The consideration of our mission field is one of the most important matters that should claim the attention of this body.

We would beg leave to present the following:

THE MISSIONS OF OUR SYNOD.

1. *Auburn and Stella.*—Our missions at these places, under the care of Rev. J. W. Kimmel, is in a thrifty and prosperous condition. During the year a church was built at Auburn, and, through the energy and activity of the missionary, it is free of debt. Not only have they prospered materially, but the spiritual work of the mission has not been neglected. A number has been gathered into the churches, and the work of the Lord has prospered in their hands.

2. *Beatrice.*—This mission has been engaged in the erecting of a house of worship. Soon they will be able to dedicate a very beautiful church. The want of a house of their own has been a drawback to their growth and prosperity, as it always is. The missionary is earnest in his labors, and the work, by God's blessing, will succeed. The English Conference held a very interesting meeting at this place.

3. *Denver, Pueblo, etc.*—Certainly our borders have been extended, and our cords have been lengthened. Bro. Hansen, who came into our midst during the year, reached out to the Rockies. Work is being done by him among our Scandinavian brethren. He is serving at present several points, each of which, according to reports, should have a pastor of its own. This is indeed an encouraging feature of our work, and it should call forth from every one of us greater energy, zeal and devotion for God's work.

4. *Hastings.*—Our mission at this place is still vacant. How much of an English interest we have there we do not know. Inasmuch as we have a church building at this place, it is well for us that we do all we can to supply that point. Our German interests are cared for by Rev. H. Siekman.

5. *Kearney.*—This mission, dedicated last December, is a beautiful house of worship. The time of dedication was very unfavorable, both as concerning the weather and finances. Other circumstances were also against it; so that the church was dedicated with quite a large debt remaining. This has been a hindrance to the work, and a source of trouble to some of the brethren, but especially to Brother Barnitz, our devoted Western Secretary. The financial affairs are now in better condition. The fact that the mission was vacant some time, and the sad departure of one of its pastors, worked by no means to its good. Brother Nielsen, a licentiate of this Synod, has been serving them very acceptably. We wish them a bright and prosperous future.

6. *Lennox, Dakota.*—This mission passed through a great trial during the year. Things were by no means encouraging for some time. We are happy to report, however, that matters have changed lately, and we hope the future may bring forth good results.

7. *Lincoln.*—Unfortunately this mission was vacant nearly during the entire year. To the credit of the noble band composing this mission, strenuous efforts were made to have the pulpit filled as often as possible. Rev. L. L. Lipe took charge of the work there recently. There is a great field open for us, and we have faith in its leader and the membership, that they will do the work God has assigned them to do.

8. *Laramie, Wyo.*—This is a new point. During the year the *first Lutheran church* was built in this Territory. The mission has had remarkable success. The work was commenced last January, and the progress made and the work done have been simply surprising. Rev. F. M. Andreason has charge of the mission. This brother is pre-eminently a missionary. May God richly bless them in their future work.

9. *North Platte.*—Our knowledge of this point is limited. From the facts that have come before us, we gather that it is an important point. The mission has been vacant ever since last spring, and is still vacant. This is a very sad feature. What the prospects are to have this point supplied with regular preaching we are not able to say. The committee have not been asked for anything. The mission was visited several times by the Western Secretary, and also by the A. B. C. Club. We hope and pray that it may soon be supplied.

10. *Ohiowa.*—We have no special facts on hand from this mission. From what we know of the earnestness, devotion, self-denial, and consecration of its missionary, we are sure that it is well cared for spiritually. We are happy to hear that this Mission needs no more the help of the Board.

11. *Rising City.*—This mission is also engaged in building. It was our privilege to be present at the laying of the corner-stone. They are erecting a neat and very substantial building. The work is pressed forward with energy and vigor by the missionary. Bro. Pugh is serving and looking after other points besides the one in the town.

12. *Roca.*—This is not a mission in the sense of the former places, but it is mission territory. Bro. Shultz has been serving this congregation. The great need for this place is a man who is able to speak both English and German, which, we are sorry to say, Bro. Shultz can not do. With such a man we might expect good results in the future.

13. *Tekamah.*—This mission is composed of two churches. It is in a healthy and prosperous condition. The time is no doubt fast approaching when aid from the Board will no more be needed.

14. *Wayne.*—Although our missionary at this place was somewhat despondent one year ago, in reference to the completion of their church, yet we are happy to say that this has been done, and this house has been dedicated. We are sorry that the mission is to become vacant soon, but hope that it may be soon supplied.

15. *West Point and Oakland.*—These two places have been served for some time by one man. Bro. Gearhart resigned the Mission last spring. The vacancy was soon filled by Rev. G. W. Spiggle. His ministry at these places

has been a great success. A church was built at West Point, and from all we can learn, the mission is in a very prosperous condition. We are only too sorry to know that Bro. Spiggle is compelled, on account of the health of his wife, to leave our State and go back to Virginia. May the Lord of the harvest soon send a laborer into this field.

16. *Waverly.*—Your Committee has heard nothing special from this field. Bro. Melick has been at his post, and has, no doubt, faithfully discharged his duties.

17. *York Co. Charge.*—As the name implies, this is a large field; it is an important field. It is now vacant for one year. We are very sorry that this point has no regular pastor. The people have not been without the preaching of the Word, but they have had no pastoral care, which they very much need. A number of the brethren of the English Conference have been giving them a Sunday out of every month. Efforts have been made to secure the services of a pastor regularly, but without success to the present. This has discouraged the people greatly. We hope and earnestly pray that something can be done soon.

These are what we may call our regular missions.

OTHER POINTS TO BE OCCUPIED.

The field which is before us is simply marvelously great. New points are opening up to us constantly, and if we are ready to enter, the work is ready for us, the harvest is white. I will simply mention a few places where we should now be to do our work.

Cheyenne Co.—We have already a number of our own people in this county, and now is the time to occupy.

David City, Stromsburg, York, Falls City.—In all these places our people are found, and they wait for our care.

Omaha should have one or two missions established without delay. We can count our own people by the thousands in this great city. They may not want our care, but God has laid them upon our hands, and they should rest heavily upon our hearts.

We would simply say here, in reference to our field, that it is not only where those of our own household of faith are found, but wherever we find men, women, and children uncared for spiritually, there is our field. Nor do we want to go where people are supplied. We have neither time, money, nor men to waste, but we are here to supply real wants. May God help us to realize our mission, and may we be willing to do it.

OUR MISSIONARIES.

Our missionaries, with very few exceptions, have worked grandly and nobly. The year that is past has been a prosperous one. The self-denial and hardships have been few, but these are the luxuries of divine life. Thus we follow the Master closely.

OUR NEED.

Our needs are many in a field of such importance, but there is one thing we

need, and need very much, and that is a man, no matter what he may be called, who could go up and down in this great field, viewing the great harvest, and cutting the grain where it is most needed. Something ought to be done by this body to accomplish this end. May God help us to do our duty.

C. HUBER,
J. S. DETWEILER,
J. WOLFF,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Leave of Absence.

The following report was presented and adopted:

Your Committee, to whom were referred letters from brethren, requesting excuses for non-attendance, report letters from Rev. I. N. Augustine, Rev. M. J. Tjaden, Rev. J. Zimmerman, Rev. A. T. Ludwig, Rev. L. Knight. Your Committee recommend the excuse of these brethren.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. WILHELM,
J. GUTLEBEN,
J. J. STEIN.

Your Committee on Leave of Absence report Rev. H. P. Hansen, Prof. Eyster, Rev. J. Wolff, F. M. Andreason, Rev. Wm. Thoele, Bro. W. P. Miller, Bro. C. J. Ringer, Dr. P. S. Leisenring, Rev. B. F. Pugh, Prof. L. F. M. Easterday, Rev. L. L. Lipe as having asked excuse. Your committee recommend their excuse.

M. L. WILHELM,
J. GUTLEBEN,
J. J. STEIN.

German Conference.

Your Committee on the German Minutes would report that the third convention of the Conference was held at Fontanelle, Washington county, Neb., April 23–27th, 1885. Much was said about the necessity of securing more German pastors for the large German field on the territory of our Synod, and we recommend that Synod appoint a committee of three, pastors Moessner, Gutleben and Rosenstengel, to labor in every way they may think wise to fill the ranks of the German ministry of our Synod.

J. N. LENKER,
C. BAIRD.

Synod adjourned with prayer, to meet after service to-night.

EVENING SERVICES.

The evening was given to the Immigrant Mission Society. Addresses were made by Revs. C. Huber and J. N. Lenker.

Collection was taken—amount $3.83.

Synod called to order after services.

Opened with prayer.

The following report was adopted:

Calendar 1885-1886.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

President—Rev. C. Huber, Yutan, Nebraska.
English Secretary—Rev. G. H. Albright, Beatrice, Nebraska.
German Secretary—Rev. Wm. Rosenstengel, Grand Island, Nebraska.
Treasurer—Prof. L. F. M. Easterday, Lincoln, Neb.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. G. Grönmiller, Rev. J. S. Detweiler,
Rev. Wm. Rosenstengel, Rev. Prof. F. W. Eyster.
Rev. Chr. Moessner, J. Wolff.

ADVISORY HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

Rev. C. Huber, Rev. J. N. Lenker,
Rev. J. Wolff.

DELEGATES TO STATE S. S. CONVENTION.

Rev. M. L. Wilhelm, Rev. G. H. Albright,
Rev. Chr. Sick, Prof. L. F. M. Easterday,
Dr. P. S. Leisenring.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. G. Grönmiller, Rev. J. S. Detweiler,
Rev. Wm. Rosenstengel, Rev. Prof. F. W. Eyster,
Rev. Chr. Moessner.

SPEAKERS FOR NEXT MEETING.

Home Missions, Rev. A. B. Shrader, Rev. Chr. Moessner.
Foreign Missions, Rev. F. Spriegel, Rev. B. F. Pugh.
Church Extension, Rev. Prof. F. W. Eyster, Rev. Chr. Sick.
Ordination, Rev. L. L. Lipe, Rev. J. G. Grönmiller.
Benevolence, Rev. J. W. Kimmel, Rev. John Gutleben.
Communion, Rev. M. L. Melick, Rev. W. Rosenstengel.
Preparatory, Rev. J. Wolff, Rev. G. H. Schnur.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee, J. S. DETWEILER,
JOHN GUTLEBEN,
M. L. MELICK.

Report of Education Committee.

The following was presented by Education Committee, and adopted.

Your Committee on Education have received and entertained applications for aid from Mr. W. H. Naffziger and Mr. O. L. Luscher. We recommend as follows:

1. That one hundred dollars ($100.00) be granted and paid to Mr. W. H. Naffziger in three installments.

2. That one hundred dollars ($100.00) be granted and paid to Mr. O. L. Luscher in three installments. We are happy to state that inasmuch as the application was for a larger sum, a member of your committee has generously promised to supply personally whatever additional aid the brother may need not in excess of fifty dollars ($50.00). This great kindness the remaining members of the committee accepted with thanks.

3. That the Treasurer pay the money on order of the chairman of the committee and to the order of the President of the institution in which the beneficiary is a student.

4. That the President of Synod keep the matter of education before our people for the current year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. GRÖNMILLER,
J. S. DETWEILER,
WM. ROSENSTENGEL,
CHR. MOESSNER.

Report of English Conference.

The report given below on English Conference, was adopted.

The English Conference had two meetings during the year, one at Grace Church, near Oakland, last fall, and another in Beatrice last spring. The first was not largely attended by pastors and delegates, but a profitable session to the congregation and members of Conference was had. At Beatrice there was a much larger attendance and quite a number of references on a variety of doctrinal and practical subjects were read and discussed. The absence of the Minutes of Conference at this Synod prevent us from giving a specific outline of the labors of this Conference.

WM. ROSENSTENGEL,
H. NIEBAUM.

Director to Chicago Seminary.

According to previous resolution a director to Chicago Seminary was elected, and by ballot Rev. J. G. Grönmiller was appointed.

By motion, Rev. Wm. Rosenstengel was made western editor to the *House Friend*.

By motion, it was decided to pay traveling expenditure of our President in performing the necessary duties of his office.

Resolution.

Resolved, That we raise $100 to be paid to pastor Moessner, Chairman of the Committee to secure more German pastors for the purpose of paying part of the expenses of the two missionaries coming from Germany.

Adopted.

Resolved, That we appoint a Committee of two to gather the standing resolutions of our Synod for publication in the minutes of the next Synodical Convention.

Adopted.

Secretaries were appointed.

Resolved, That the Synod request Rev. Detweiler to submit his sermon on the Lutheran Church for publication, and that it be published in pamphlet form, German and English.

Adopted.

Orphans' Home.

The following were appointed as Trustees of Orphans' Home, according to former resolution:

J. G. Grönmiller, J. Gutleben, L. F. M. Easterday, W. P. Miller, Wm. Kalhaefer.

It was moved that the Treasurer of Synod be directed to send $100 to the Treasurer of Board of Church Extension in payment of pledge of Nebraska Synod to Christ's church, New York.

Motion carried.

Time and Place of Next Meeting.

The time and place of next meeting was decided as follows:

Place to be Auburn, Neb.

Time, on Tuesday before first full moon in September.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That we suggest to the churches and congregations of this Synod the necessity and practicability of their defraying the expenses of the pastors and lay delegates to meetings of Synod.

On motion it was decided that 500 copies of the Minutes of this convention be printed each in German and English.

It was moved that the English minutes be published by our Publication House at Philadelphia, and also decided that German minutes be published by German Publication House, Chicago, Illinois.

Resolution.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be requested to establish a Book Depository at some suitable place in Nebraska.

A letter from Denver having been read, was cordially referred to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of this Synod.

Adjourned, to meet one year hence, by singing hymn 434, and prayer.

G. H. ALBRIGHT,
Secretary of Synod.

MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

GRAND ISLAND, SEPTEMBER 29, 4 P. M.

The Ministerium met in regular session at 4 p. m.

Opened with prayer.

Report of Education Committee.

The following was presented and adopted:

Your Examining Committee respectfully report and recommend:

1. That Rev. Christian Thomsen and Rev. Richard Neumaerker, ordained ministers of the Lutheran church, be received and welcomed as members of this Synod, according to chapter 17, section 6, Formula of Government, B. W.

2. That A. Hagenstein and K. J. Starner be licensed for one year, with special instructions to observe during their coming year of probation, all the requirements of our Formula of Government in relation to licentiates.

J. G. GRÖNMILLER,
J. S. DETWEILER,
CHR. MOESSNER,
WM. ROSENSTENGEL,
W. F. EYSTER.

The charges preferred against Rev. Dirks, of Febing, were considered.

The charges were those of repeated drunkenness.

After a sober consideration, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That inasmuch as due process has been served on Rev. J. H. Dirks, a member of the Nebraska Synod, and inasmuch as he has refused to appear to answer to the charges as preferred, neither has he sent excuse for such refusal; therefore, be it

Resolved, That he is hereby suspended from the gospel ministry in the Lutheran Church of the General Synod, according to Sec. 7, Chap. 12, of Formula of Church Government, and that his name be stricken from the list of our clerical members.

Rev. C. F. J. Kaiser, and his matters, were referred to President of Synod.

Adjourned with prayer.

G. H. ALBRIGHT, *Secretary*.

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PASTORS.	PLACES.	Number of				Number received by				Losses by			Number of Communicants	Sunday-schools.					Benevolent Contributions.														
		Congregations	Preaching Stations	Prayer-meetings	Catechumens	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmations	Certificate or Profession.	Death	Dismission	Excommunication		Union	Lutheran	Teachers	Scholars	Contributions by	Synodical Treasury	General Synod Treasury	Education	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Woman's Societies	Local Objects including Pastors' Salary	General Benevolence	Immigrant Society	Pastors' Fund	Kearney Church Edifice	Chicago Church
Albright, G. H.	Beatrice	1		1		1		5	5	2	3		37	1	1	10	70	$25 00	$5 00	$ 50		$6 75	$6 75	$4 50		$2202 10	$5 00				
Augustine, I. N.	Carlton	1		1		3		1		1			27		1	7		10 00	1 20			2 00	2 00		$1 00	150 00				$5 00	
Anderson, C.	North Platte												52																		
Andreason, F. M.	Laramie City	2	2	1	15	58		1	55	1		1	156		1	12	68	30 00	2 10			11 35				285 00					
Baird, Cephas	Dakota City	2		2		1	1	5	37	2	2		77		2	16	100	60 80	5 90	1 50		5 00	3 26	5 00	25 00	3953 17	48 22				
Detweiler, J. S.	Omaka	1		1	17	22		5	6	2	3		137		1	17	200	221 00	12 15	5 35		50 00	50 00	66 00		8553 37				20 00	
Frank, John A.	Plattsmouth		1			11		6				1	160		1	8	100		2 00	50		6 75	6 75	4 50		500 00		$1 00			
Fricke, H. W.	Hooper	2	4		20	61		14	1	1			250		1	7	75	5 00	3 00	1 00	7 00	10 00	20 00	9 00		600 00	5 00				
Gutleben, John	Fontanelle	1	3	1	13	21		13		1			150		1	7	104		8 00	1 00		25 00	25 00	6 00	10 00	360 00		1 00			
Grommisch, W. T.	St. Joseph, Mo.	1	1		3	20		3	8	2			35		1	6	38	10 00	4 20	45		4 15	3 00	1 45	2 08	298 00					
Grönmiller, J. G.	Hanover, Kan.	1	1		12	25		12		2			112		1	7	70		5 90	2 00		22 75	52 75			2000 00		1 00			
Hagenstein, A.	Washington, Kan.		2			8							31													100 00	8 25				
Hansen, H. P.	Denver, Col.	3	1	1	2	14		2		1			49	1		5	40					2 85									
Huber, Conrad	Yutan	1		1	12	10	2	2	4	1	2		19		1	6	50	15 00	7 00	4 47	8 00	14 00	14 00	10 00	15 00	900 00	57 50	4 00			
Kimmel, J. W.	Auburn	2		2	16	8	5	14	17			2	80		2	16	175	25 00	2 05			20 20	17 00	25 00	21 85	2455 00	25 00	1 00			
Kaiser, Karl F. J.	Wilbur												240																		
Lipe, L. L.	Lincoln	1		1		3							38		1	9	70		5 00	1 00		7 50	7 50	5 00	32 00	437 75	31 00				
Lenker, J. N.	Grand Island	1	1		9	5		2	2	1			27	1	1	12	150	108 00	3 00	50		6 60	6 60	25 00		450 00	5 00	10 58	$1 00		
Moessner, C.	Columbus	2	2		30	30		13		9			20						7 00	2 00	5 00	25 00	20 00		47 00	500 00	37 00	1 00			
Melick, M. L.	Waverly	1	1	1	18	5		2	3	1	2		6		1	13	138	56 10	6 30	1 25		14 00	14 00	9 00	9 60	564 00					
Neumaerker, R.	Barada	3	1		6	28		6					18		2	8	43		4 70	7 25		4 00	5 00	1 75	1 00	380 00					
Pugh, B. F.	Rising City	1	2		15	4	2	6	5				3	1		9	65	23 00	5 85	50		4 50	4 50	3 00	21 00	1925 90	18 00				
Rosenstengel, Wm.	Grand Island	1			10	23		9	20	1			78						5 00			10 50	10 50	6 75		300 00	1 55	1 00			
Sick, C.	Ponca	2	1	1		18	6			4			135		2	16	55		4 00	1 00		8 50	8 50	11 50	6 60	1128 00	8 80	1 00		2 00	
Schnur, G. H.	Dana	1		1	20	4		7	18	1	2		50		1	8	40	20 00	5 00	1 00		7 75	7 50	4 70	13 00	500 00	15 00				
Shultz, D. H.	Rising City					1	1				2		25	1		9	51	19 37	50	50	2 00	3 00	5 50	2 00		109 03		1 00			
Scheible, F. W.	Amazon	1	2		19	10		4		2			35													15 00					
Siekman, H.	Hastings	1	1							4			28		1		25					6 00	7 00				40				
Spriegel, F.	Centreville	1	2			49		2		11			130		1	4	26		3 00	1 00		5 00	10 00		1 00	325 00		1 00			
Shrader, A. B.	Ponca	1		1	15	2	2				6		59		1	15	70	50 00	9 50	1 50	2 00	15 00	15 00	10 00	24 11	1285 00		6 00		10 00	
Spiggle, G. W.	West Point	2		1		5			9		1		75		1	12	75	5 00	3 00	50		5 00	5 00	3 00	5 00	1340 34	20 00				
Starner, C. J.	Central City	2	2	3	6	16							129		2	2	18									66 00					
Tjaden, W. J.	Lennox, Dak.	1	1			6							19													52 00					
Thoele, Wm.	Ohiowa	2	1		6	13			1	3			57		1				3 00	1 00	1 00	7 50	7 50	4 00		230 00					
Wilhelm, M. L.	Tekamah	2		1	22	6	4	10	1				93		1	20	215	120 00	5 00			19 20	16 20	65 15	32 00	752 25					
Wolff, Julius	Sterling	1	1		6	12		5	1	2			45		1	4	11	7 00	2 00		5 00		5 00			383 00					
Zimmer, J. N.	Elkhorn																														
Total, 1885		47	35	21	272	487	23	151	193	56	23	4	3113	5	31	265	1938	$813 27	$126 25	$34 37	$30 00	$329 85	$353 81	$282 31	$267 24	$36,166 95	$295 78	$29 58	$1 00	$37 00	
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